

# HOUSE BILL 653

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By: **Delegate Niemann**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2011

Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Lawyers – Bar Admission Requirement – Exception for Rent Escrow**  
3 **Proceedings**

4 FOR the purpose of providing an exception to certain requirements to practice law in  
5 the State for a person representing a landlord in a rent escrow proceeding in the  
6 District Court of Maryland and for a person representing a tenant in a rent  
7 escrow proceeding in the District Court of Maryland under certain  
8 circumstances; and generally relating to exceptions to the requirements to  
9 practice law in the State.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
12 Section 10–206(a)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2010 Replacement Volume)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Business Occupations and Professions  
17 Section 10–206(b)(1) and (2)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2010 Replacement Volume)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Business Occupations and Professions**

23 10–206.

24 (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, before an individual may practice  
25 law in the State, the individual shall:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) be admitted to the Bar; and

2 (2) meet any requirement that the Court of Appeals may set by rule.

3 (b) This section does not apply to:

4 (1) a person while representing a landlord in a summary ejectment **OR**  
5 **A RENT ESCROW** proceeding in the District Court of Maryland;

6 (2) a person while representing a tenant in a summary ejectment **OR A**  
7 **RENT ESCROW** proceeding in the District Court of Maryland if the person is:

8 (i) a law student practicing in a clinical law program at a law  
9 school accredited by the American Bar Association with the in-court supervision of a  
10 faculty member; or

11 (ii) employed by a nonprofit organization receiving grants from  
12 the Maryland Legal Services Corporation and:

13 1. the person has training and experience;

14 2. the person is supervised by a lawyer; and

15 3. the supervising lawyer's appearance is entered in the  
16 proceeding;

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2011.